

(c) REMARKS

The application has been amended to reflect that it is a national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. §371.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 35 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed in the enclosed form Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed. Corresponding U.S. patent documents have been provided, where possible.

It is respectfully requested that the above-information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating the information has been considered.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested..

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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